

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS
NORTHERN DIVISION**

MARK ALAN EPLEY

PLAINTIFF

v.

CASE NO. 3:20-CV-00224-BSM

DAWN DEAN, Parole officer, Paragould

DEFENDANT

ORDER

Mark Epley's motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* [Doc. No. 1] is denied. *See Fed. R. Civ. P. 11(a)* (*pro se* party must personally sign). His motion to appoint counsel [Doc. No. 3] is denied. *See Glick v. Henderson*, 855 F.2d 536 (8th Cir. 1988). His complaint is dismissed *sua sponte*. *See Higgins v. Carpenter*, 258 F.3d 797, 800 (8th Cir. 2001). Epley has pending criminal charges in Greene County, *see State v. Mark Epley*, 28CR-20-112, so his complaint must be dismissed. *Younger v. Harris*, 401 U.S. 37, 69 (1971) (federal courts abstain when there are ongoing judicial proceedings that implicate important state interests).

IT IS SO ORDERED this 19th day of October, 2020.


Brian S. Miller
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE